

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 17 as follows:

FIGS. 6A-6B show the steps for binding and unbinding documents utilizing the paper fastener of FIGS. 5A and 5B; and

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 1 as follows:

FIG. 7B is a perspective view of an improved fastening arrangement in accordance with a third embodiment of the present invention showing outer prongs and the inner prongs engaged; and

Please remove the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 3 as follows:

~~FIG. 8 shows the steps for binding and unbinding documents utilizing the paper fastener of FIGS. 7A and 7B.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 17 as follows:

~~Referring to FIG. 8, the~~ The steps for binding and unbinding documents utilizing the fastening arrangement of FIGS. 7A and 7B ~~is described.~~ The process begins at step 1 with stacking documents with binding holes aligned to form a stack A. Once aligned, the holes passing through stack A form a passageway for receiving outer prongs 77. Next, in step 2, stack A is guided over fastener 78 by fitting the holes around outer prongs 77. Once prongs 77 have completely engaged each document of stack A, extending therethrough, outer prongs 77

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are bent 90° toward each other and brought to rest against stack A, thereby securing the sheets of the stack with prong base 11. Bending outer prongs 77 in any location other than the topmost extension portion 72 will result in the concurrent bending of inner prongs 10 and have the additional effect of not only securing stack A, but also securing inner and outer prongs 10 and 77 together.

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